

**CLAIMS****5 What is claimed is:**

1. A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting means for enabling the user to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

10 search performing means for performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

subscription retrieving means for retrieving the information matching the subscription.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the search performing means performs the search  
15 of the at least one database on a random basis.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the search performing means performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

4. The system of claim 1, further comprising option input means for enabling a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

20 5. The system of claim 1, further comprising subscription formula means for enabling the user to request a subscription using a formula.

6. A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

25 a subscription requesting object that enables the user to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

5 a search performing object that performs a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

a subscription retrieving object that retrieves the information matching the subscription.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the search performing object performs the search  
10 of the at least one database on a random basis.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the search performing object performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

9. The system of claim 6, further comprising an option input object that enables a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

10. The system of claim 6, further comprising a subscription formula receiving object  
15 that enables the user to request a subscription using a formula.

11. A method for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising the steps of:

requesting a subscription for the at least one non-web document from the at least  
20 one database;

performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

retrieving the information matching the subscription.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of presenting the information  
25 to the user.

5 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of periodically searching the at least one database.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least one database is performed on a random basis.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least one database is performed on a periodic basis selected by the user.

16. A computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting computer readable code for causing a computer to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

search performing computer readable code for causing a computer to perform a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

information retrieving computer readable code for causing a computer to retrieve the information matching the subscription.

17. The medium of claim 16, wherein the search performing computer readable code performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.

18. The medium of claim 17, wherein the search performing computer readable code performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.

19. The medium of claim 16, further comprising option input computer readable code for causing a computer to enable a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

20. The medium of claim 16, further comprising subscription formula computer readable code means for causing a computer to enable the user to request a subscription using a formula.

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